

Created the Directorate of Intelligence (Service-within-a-Service) to exclusively focus on intelligence.

The FY 2006 bill creates an associate deputy director for national security to oversee and coordinate the activities of the executive assistant director for counterterrorism and counterintelligence and the national security activities of the Directorate of Intelligence, as recommended by the WMD Commission and accepted by President Bush yesterday.

The FY 2006 bill requires the U.S. attorney general to submit a report to the subcommittee on its actions to implement the recommendations of WMD Commission.

Created the Science and Technology Advisory Board to provide independent advice to the director on emerging issues.

INTERAGENCY COUNTERTERRORISM TASK FORCES

The SSJC subcommittee approved and funds:

103 Joint Terrorism Task forces.
National Joint Terrorism Task Force.
Participation in the National Counterterrorism Center.
Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force.
Terrorist Screening Center.

TRAINING

Created an FBI training program at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

Created the College of Analytical Studies to focus on analytical training.

Continued to fund training programs above the level requested.

FY 2005 funding: \$10 million above the budget request. (\$85 million)

FY 2006 funding (House-passed): \$10 million above the budget request. (\$102 million)

Fully funded requests to renovate Quantico, the FBI's training facility.

FY 2005 funding: \$21 million.

FY 2006 funding (House-passed): \$15 million.

The FY 2006 House-passed bill:

Directs the FBI to work with NAPA to improve training programs for first-line supervisors, mid-level managers and executives.

Directs the FBI to create a management succession plan.

Directs the FBI to ensure that analysts and agents train together and that the FBI conduct joint training sessions with other intelligence community agencies.

Directs the FBI to expand the University Education Program, the Sabbatical Program, the Fellows Program and the use of the Foreign Service Institute.

Directs the FBI to develop experienced FBI employees to teach analytical classes at the College of Analytical Studies instead of depending on contractors and personnel from other agencies.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Directed the full House Appropriations Committee's Surveys and Investigations staff to study the FBI's failure to implement a new case management system.

Increased funding above the request to improve information technology management FY 2006 funding (House-passed): \$10 million above the budget request. (\$21 million)

Increased funding to improve access to information and information sharing.

FY 2005 funding: \$12 million. (\$13.5 million)

FY 2006 funding (House-passed): \$11 million above the budget request. (\$54 million)

Funded the bureau's new Integrated Data Warehouse project to data mine counterterrorism data to find terrorism connections.

Provided funding above the request for additional secure space to enhance the sharing of classified information within the intelligence community.

FY 2005 funding: \$20.5 above the budget request. (\$20.5 million)

FY 2006 funding: \$5 million above the budget request. (\$25.5 million)

The FY 2006 bill requires the inspector general to provide the subcommittee with regular updates on the status of the bureau's replacement case management system.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

Increased the number of translators by 79 percent, including a 269 percent increase in Arabic translators from the levels funded in fiscal year 2001.

Created the National Virtual Translation Center to work with other members of the intelligence community to address translation priorities.

RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT

Provided report language for retention and relocation bonuses, critical pay exemptions for intelligence staff (more than \$175,000 per year) authority to create an FBI Reserve Service and additional authority to waive mandatory retirements.

Provided funding to implement retention and recruitment programs.

FY 2005 funding: \$30 million above the budget request. (\$30 million)

FY 2006 funding (House-passed): \$5 million above the budget request. (\$35 million)

Directed the FBI to work with NAPA to ensure that new personnel authorities provided to attract and retain staff in FY 2005 are effectively utilized.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Recognized that analysts are required to perform too many administrative tasks and directed the FBI to focus its hiring efforts on filling vacant administrative and support staff. The FY 2006 bill provides \$5 million above the request for additional administrative staff.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The FY 2006 bill directs the FBI to establish an Office of Human Resources to be tasked with, at a minimum, (1) ensuring that employee rating systems match the FBI's priorities including intelligence and security; (2) ensuring the number of pay authorities and funding provided to attract and retain staff are used effectively; (3) developing leadership and succession planning programs, and (4) considering ways to give field offices more flexibility in hiring administrative staff.

INTRODUCING A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a concurrent resolution in support of the goals and aspirations of the International Polar Year. The International Polar Year will allow scientist to create a benchmark for the Polar Regions and study this remote area of the world through all the seasons.

The International Polar Year (IPY), co-sponsored by the International Council of Science (ICSU) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), will run from March of 2007 to March 2008. The IPY will afford an opportunity to engage the upcoming generation of scientists and focus public attention on the im-

portance of the Polar Regions and how much the cold ends of the sphere we all live on really do influence us.

I was recently in Norway and had the opportunity to talk about the significance of the IPY. The recognition of this important issue in all parts of the world further emphasizes why this resolution and issue is so important.

Mr. Speaker, this concurrent resolution lends Congress' support for the International Polar Year. Past worldwide initiatives have yielded unprecedented exploration and discoveries in many fields of research and fundamentally changed how science was conducted in the Polar Regions. Now, decades later, technological developments such as earth observation satellites, autonomous vehicles, and molecular biology techniques offer enormous opportunities for an unparalleled expansion of our understanding of these complex systems.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this concurrent resolution. Encouraging the studying the Polar Regions is crucial as it will lead to a greater understanding of how this area of the world affects the rest of the earth's ecosystem and in turn, human society. This concurrent resolution furthers that goal. That is why I look forward to working with my colleagues and moving this resolution forward.

TRIBUTE TO MITCH GEISLER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of the Honorable Mitch Geisler of Marshall, MO.

Mr. Geisler served a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. He was Chief of Police, President of the Missouri Chiefs of Police Association, and attended the FBI Law Enforcement Institution, from which he graduated in 1957. After his many years of service in the area of law enforcement, Mr. Geisler began a career in finance. He worked 27 years for Wood and Huston Bank, where he retired as senior vice president.

Mr. Geisler then served as Mayor of Marshall for 12 years. During his term as Mayor, Mr. Geisler held an active role in the expansion of the Marshall Municipal Airport. He also worked with Marshall-Saline Development Corporation to attract businesses and industry to the Marshall area.

Mr. Geisler was very dedicated to the growth and development of his community. He was a 15-year member of the church board at St. Peter Catholic Church and the first president of the Mercy Academy School Board. Mr. Geisler was also a 50-year member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. This allowed him to fly with the Blue Angels Navy acrobatic and demonstration team.

Mr. Speaker, Mitch Geisler had a steadfast dedication to his family, church, community, and career. I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.